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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MINAKO HIJIKATA, ET AL. :

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: CARRIER FOR GENE DETECTION :
AND ITS USE FOR DETECTING
VALIDITY OF INTERFERON THERAPY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.